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1. WISH TO CALL TO ADDRESSEES' ATTENTION JUNE 6 ISSUE OF MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC DIGEST (MEED) AND ITS THOUGHTFUL FEATURE ARTICLE QUOTE FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY AIMED FOR IN IRAQ UNQUOTE.

2. AMONG OTHER THINGS ARTICLE NOTES THAT ESTIMATED \$600 MILLION SPENT BY IRAQ ON FOOD AND LIVESTOCK IMPORTS IN 1974 REPRESENTS QUADRUPLING OF EXPENDITURES OVER 1972. IN THIS CONNECTION ARTICLE OBSERVES QUOTE IRAQ'S GROWING RELIANCE ON THE UNITED STATES AS A MAJOR SOURCE OF ITS MOST ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES UNQUOTE.

3. ABOUT HALF OF ARTICLE DEVOTED TO DESCRIPTIVE REVIEW OF MAJOR AGRICULTURAL AND IRRIGATION PROJECTS.

4. MEED IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN LONDON.
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